



PTO/SB/21 (03-03)

Approved for use through 04/30/2003. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

## TRANSMITTAL FORM

(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)

|  |                      |                    |
|--|----------------------|--------------------|
|  | Application Number   | 09/626,477         |
|  | Filing Date          | July 27, 2000      |
|  | First Named Inventor | Terrence A. Tomkow |
|  | Art Unit             | 2155               |
|  | Examiner Name        | Hosain Alam        |

Total Number of Pages in This Submission

Attorney Docket Number

AUG 04 2004

RECEIVED

Technology Center 2100

### ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)

- |  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s)                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to a Technology Center (TC)      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached  | <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Petition   | <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to TC (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> After Final   | <input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application | <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s)                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Correspondence Address                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below):         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer                              | <input type="checkbox"/> POSTCARD   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund                               |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)              | <input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____                        |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/Incomplete Application    |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53 |   |   |

#### Remarks

IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 5/20/04

### SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| Firm or Individual | FULWIDER PATTON LEE & UTECHT, LLP<br>ELLSWORTH R. ROSTON, ESQ., REG. NO. 16,310 |
| Signature          |   |
| Date               | July 27, 2004   |

### CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING

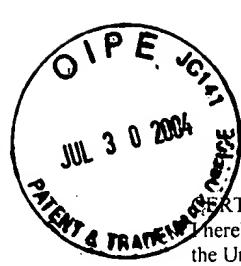
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231 on this date:

07/27/04

|                  |                                      |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Typed or printed | ELLSWORTH R. ROSTON, REG. NO. 16,310 |
| Signature        |                                      |
|                  | Date 07/27/04                        |

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.



41  
2155

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8  
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria VA 22313-1450 on July 27, 2004.

Donna M. Colon  
Donna M. Colon

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 09/626,577  
Applicant : Terrence A. Tomkow  
Filed : July 27, 2000  
Art Unit : 2155  
Examiner : Hosain Alam  
  
Docket No.: : RPOST-57228  
Customer No. : 24201

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RECEIVED  
AUG 04 2004  
Technology Center 2100

AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 20, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows: